

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Andreas Norbert Wiswesser et al.      Art Unit : Unknown  
Serial No. : Unassigned                                      Examiner : Unknown  
Filed : Herewith  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AN END-POINT IN  
CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING OF METAL LAYERS

## MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Under 35 USC §120, this application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/874,086, filed June 4, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/184,767, filed November 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,280,289, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.. The following references were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in the prior application and, therefore, are not provided in this application:

Desig. IDs:

AA-AV

This statement is being filed with the application. Accordingly, only copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL**Express Mail Label No. **EV 321 388 218 US**

**Date of Deposit** November 25, 2003

Applicant : Andreas Norbert Wiswesser et al.  
Serial No. : Unassigned  
Filed :  
Page : 2 of 2

Attorney's Docket No.: 05542-331003 / 3250C4

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11/25/03

David J. Goren  
David J. Goren  
Reg. No. 34,609

Telephone: (650) 839-5070  
Facsimile: (650) 839-5071

Substitute Form PTO-1449 (Modified)  <b>Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)  (37 CFR §1.98(b))	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. <b>05542-331003</b>	Application No. <b>Unassigned</b>
	Applicant <b>Andreas Norbert Wiswesser et al.</b>		
	Filing Date <b>Herewith</b>	Group Art Unit <b>Unassigned</b>	

U.S. Patent Documents							
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	AA	5,081,796	01/21/92	Schultz			
	AB	5,413,941	05/09/95	Koos et al.			
	AC	5,427,878	06/27/95	Corliss			
	AD	5,433,651	07/18/95	Lustig et al.			
	AE	5,605,760	02/25/97	Roberts			
	AF	5,609,511	03/11/97	Moriyama et al.			
	AG	5,640,242	06/17/97	O'Boyle et al.			
	AH	5,663,797	09/02/97	Sandhu			
	AI	5,672,091	09/30/97	Takahashi et al.			
	AJ	5,791,969	08/11/98	Lund			
	AK	5,838,447	11/17/98	Hiyama et al.			
	AL	5,872,633	02/16/99	Holzapfel et al.			
	AM	5,893,796	04/13/99	Birang et al.			
	AN	5,899,792	05/04/99	Yagi			
	AO	5,949,927	09/07/99	Tang			
	AP	5,964,643	10/12/99	Birang et al.			
	AQ	6,280,289	08/28/01	Wiswesser et al.			

### Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications

Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Country or Patent Office	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	AR	0 663 265 A1	07/19/95	EPO				
	AS	0 738 561 A1	10/23/96	EPO				
	AT	0 881 040 A2	12/02/98	EPO				
	AU	0 881 484 A2	12/02/98	EPO				
	AV	3-234467	10/18/91	Japan				

### Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)

Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document
	AW	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.